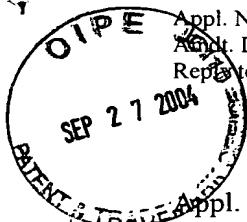


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**RESPONSE "A"**

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated May 24, 2004 (Paper No./Mail Date 20040506). The three month period for responding to the Office Action expired on August 24, 2004. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for one month, up to and including September 24, 2004. The \$110.00 extension of time fee is enclosed. Also enclosed is \$110.00 under 37 CFR 1.20(d) for the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer.

The following remarks are submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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September 22, 2004

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